

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc.) Application No. NG-0004.1
d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila),)
Omaha, seeking a waiver of the)
30-day notice period under Neb.) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
Rev. Stat. §66-1854 and to) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
recover the gas cost portion of)
uncollectible accounts through)
its Gas Cost Adjustment tariff.) Entered: August 15, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On June 27, 2005, Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) filed an application proposing that Aquila be permitted to recover the gas cost portion of Aquila's bad debt write-off through the Gas Cost Adjustment process.

Notice of the application was published in the *Daily Record*, Omaha, on June 30, 2005. The Public Advocate timely filed a Petition for Formal Intervention in this matter. The Public Advocate further requested that to the extent Aquila's application is a change in tariffs, that the operation of the changed tariff be suspended pending the outcome of any hearing.

In order to process the application, a planning conference was held in this matter on August 12, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska via teleconference.

As a result of the planning conference, a discovery schedule was set and a hearing date scheduled.

The Public Advocate will serve all written discovery on Aquila no later than **August 26, 2005**.

Aquila's responses to written discovery will be served no later than **September 9, 2005**.

The hearing in Application No. NG-0004.1 is set for **October 12, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Any remaining pre-hearing issues that need to be addressed should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that written discovery shall be served no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2005.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all responses to written discovery shall be served no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2005.**

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. NG-0004.1 will be held on **October 12, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of August, 2005.

BY:

HEARING OFFICER